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Jim McMahon's bad luck with injuries may have rubbed off on Dolphin quarterback Dan Marino before the Bears-Miami game Aug. 16. The two talked before the game and by the end of the first quarter Marino was sidelined with a dislocated finger on his right hand. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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# Bear offensive line is the key to all-around good games

The Bears looked great in their 50-14 romp over Pittsburgh Saturday night because they were able to do what they do best. Chicago ran the ball well and played excellent defense. If the Bears can do that every game this season, no one will be able to stop them.

The running game was in top form, and much of the credit for that should go to the

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offensive line. The line was healthy against the Steelers, and you could see what a difference it makes. I don't think there's a better offensive line in the league.

Walter Payton, Thomas Sanders and Neal Anderson all ran well, but without the offensive line playing well they aren't going to get any yardage. Chicago gained 134 yards on the ground, which is down from the Miami game. But it was a very effective 134 yards.

When the running game is on for the Bears, everything else falls into place. Chicago used its early success running the ball to set up the play-action passes perfectly later in the game. And the other thing the strong running game did for the Bears is it controlled the clock and kept the Bear defense off the field. Chicago again held a large advantage in time of possession, holding the ball for 33:38 compared to Pittsburgh's 26:22.

The three Bear quarterbacks who played in the game all did a good job. And even that goes back to the offensive line. The line gave the quarterbacks time to throw and find the open receivers. Pittsburgh only had one sack in the game, and that was later in the game when Chicago tried to go deep on a pass.

Otherwise, the Steelers weren't able to put a lot of pressure on Chicago's quarterbacks. The result: Chicago quarterbacks teamed up to complete 17 of 27 passes for 292 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. I'll take that kind of performance for any game.

Mike Tomczak simply had an excellent game at quarterback. The young man has really matured from last season and is playing like a veteran. And Jim Harbaugh continues to come up with the big play. I think what that shows the Bears is that they can survive without Jim McMahon leading them. That's as important as anything else.

Ron Morris started the game at wide receiver for Chicago opposite Willie Gault, and you have to like that combination. That

should put the pressure on the opponents' defense and open things up a little more for the offense this season.

Getting back to the defense, once again it came up with the big play to turn the momentum around. After Chicago fumbled on its first play of the game, William Perry forced a Steeler fumble on their third play of the game at the Chicago six-yard line and Otis Wilson was there to recover it. What looked like a sure scoring opportunity for Pittsburgh was turned into a second chance for the Bear offense.

The key to playing defense is coming up with plays like that, and it looks like Chicago's unit will be doing it again this season.

The combination of Todd Bell at strong safety and Dave Duerson at free safety looked good for the Bears. That should strengthen the secondary even more if the Bears continue to use that lineup. And don't forget about the job the defensive line did throughout the game. Richard Dent in particular made some good pass rushes from the outside. As a team, the Bears came up with four sacks for 26 yards.

And on the special teams some good performances are being turned in. Eric Jeffries looks better and better on punt returns, returning one for 29 yards against Pittsburgh. That will definitely help him in his bid to make the team. And Kevin Butler was on target, connecting on a 33-yard field goal.

Again, it was an all-around solid performance by Chicago. But it all started with the offensive line. It's the best one in the NFL.

## DRAW PLAY By Dick Kulpa





# Tobin fears halt in campus scouting

Any Bear fan who remembers the 60s and early 70s knows the team's drafts were more like accidents. It is also no accident that their drafts since 1975 have been among the very best in the National Football League.

**DON PIERSON**



It is a compliment to Bill Tobin and Jim Parmer, who were around for the last decade, and to Don King and Rod Graves, who have been around for the last three years.

It is also a tribute to their system and methods, which are thorough and tedious. They do not read college football magazines

and watch highlight film in the comfort of large offices. They work at it. They get players the old-fashioned way.

They go on the road for most of the year. They leave their families and live in motel rooms and carry projectors. They go to practices, talk to coaches, visit training rooms and weight rooms. They watch prospects go through calisthenics as well as pass routes. They watch games and watch them again on film. They grade and re-grade and cross-check. They consider what people say about a kid and then they find out for themselves — firsthand.

All this is why Tobin will recommend the Bears ignore Ohio State's ineligible receiver Cris Carter when the National Football League tosses him into a supplemental draft along with Pitt running back Charles Gladman on Aug. 28.

"My recommendation is to not touch them," said the Bears' vice president of player personnel.

## Tobin worried about future

It's not that Tobin doesn't think Carter is a good prospect. He concedes that some



Bears director of player personnel Bill Tobin fears pro scouts could be barred from college campuses as a result of the latest supplemental draft. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

clubs think he has first-round ability. Tobin's decision is based on principle. He is more worried about the future than the present.

Carter was kicked off Ohio State's team because he took money from an agent, Norby Walters. Currently under a grand jury investigation in Chicago, Walters has suggested that both NFL scouts and college coaches also are involved in the premature recruiting of underclassmen by agents.

This makes the colleges so mad that they have started to ban scouts from their campuses. Already, Tobin has more than a half dozen letters in his files from colleges restricting visits by pro scouts.

One from Alabama coach Bill Curry begins: "Due to recent developments..." It makes Tobin mad, too.

"I want the Bo Schembechlers and Joe Paternos to know the Bears are not interested in their underclassmen," Tobin said. "I hope they distinguish between the Bears and teams that draft them."

Tobin is afraid the Bears won't be able to do their job as well if colleges continue to restrict their access.

"It won't hurt the Cornelius Bennetts, the first-rounders who jump at anybody on television. But it will darn sure make a difference with the fourth and fifth-round players," Tobin said.

When a player's talent doesn't immediately jump out at a scout, the Bears want to know about the intangibles. To find out, they have to go to the campus, talk to people, watch the work habits and manner of the prospect.

"We need to find out how much the Dennis Gentrys mean to the Baylor program," Tobin said.

Not all teams share the Bears' philosophy of hands-on scouting. Some seek safety in numbers. Not only do they draft the biggest, fastest people they can find, they sign as many free agents as they can afford, figuring they are bound to get lucky.

**Perkins doesn't fear repercussions**  
Tampa Bay coach Ray Perkins, Curry's predecessor at Alabama, does not fear the repercussions of campus restrictions as much as Tobin does.

"Maybe if all of them did it, we wouldn't need scouts and we'd save some money.

We could do everything by film and telephone. Scouting, to a degree, is overrated. It's important, don't get me wrong. But it can be overrated," Perkins said.

Tampa Bay never has been guilty of overrating scouts, of course. The Bucs have three No. 1 draft choices on their entire squad, a situation Perkins realizes is at the bottom of Tampa's current standing on the bottom.

The Carter and Gladman case is different from this year's earlier supplemental draft of Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth. It also is different from the supplemental draft two years ago of Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar.

Both Bosworth and Kosar graduated from college before exhausting their eligibility, thus making themselves available to the pros according to rules the NFL has followed since George Halas wrote them.

Halas once said the league's decision to leave underclassmen alone was his most important accomplishment. It has served both the colleges and pros well, protecting the college programs and providing the pros with a ready-made minor league.

**Rozelle expected to grant petitions**  
"Why fix something if it's not broken?" asked Tobin. "I am disappointed in our lawyers."

Because the NFL feared an antitrust lawsuit, commissioner Pete Rozelle granted petitions for a supplemental draft by Carter and by Gladman, who refused to cooperate in NCAA and school investigations into the Walters case and was ruled ineligible. The league doesn't want to let Carter or Gladman in this year, but it believes the decision is the lesser of two evils. The Bears figure two wrongs don't make a right.

"We don't need the Cris Carters," Tobin said.

If a kid can't conform to the rules in college, Tobin figures he won't conform to the rules as a pro. When he hears that Cris Carter took money from an agent, a red light flashes in his head.

"It indicates he has chinks in his armor, in his personality and character," Tobin said.

It will be interesting to follow the pro career of Cris Carter wherever he goes, as well as the future of the Bears.

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# GAME WRAPUP

## Bears give Ditka reason to smile

By Michael Polzin  
Managing Editor

CHICAGO — Mike Ditka was in an unusually good mood after the Bears defeated Pittsburgh 50-14 Saturday night at Soldier Field. And why shouldn't he have been? He had plenty of reasons to be pleased with the play of his team.

- With the performances of quarterbacks Mike Tomczak, Doug Flutie and Jim Harbaugh, Jim McMahon's return to the lineup doesn't seem quite as crucial to the well-being of the Bears as it did at the start of training camp.

- The offensive line, with the exception of Jay Hilgenberg, was healthy again, led a strong rushing attack and provided excellent pass protection. Hilgenberg was still bothered by a sprained shoulder and didn't play in the game.

- All the running backs looked strong, and Ditka thinks any of them that get cut by the Bears will catch on with another team.

- The defense played well as a unit and didn't allow the Steelers to come away with any points on four drives that started in Bear territory.

- And the young cornerbacks played well again giving up only one big play, a 60-yard touchdown pass from Bubby Brister to Calvin Sweeney, on a great throw by Brister.

"I was impressed. Anybody would be impressed if you saw what they did," Ditka said after the game. "You gotta be happy with that. It's a start in the right direction."

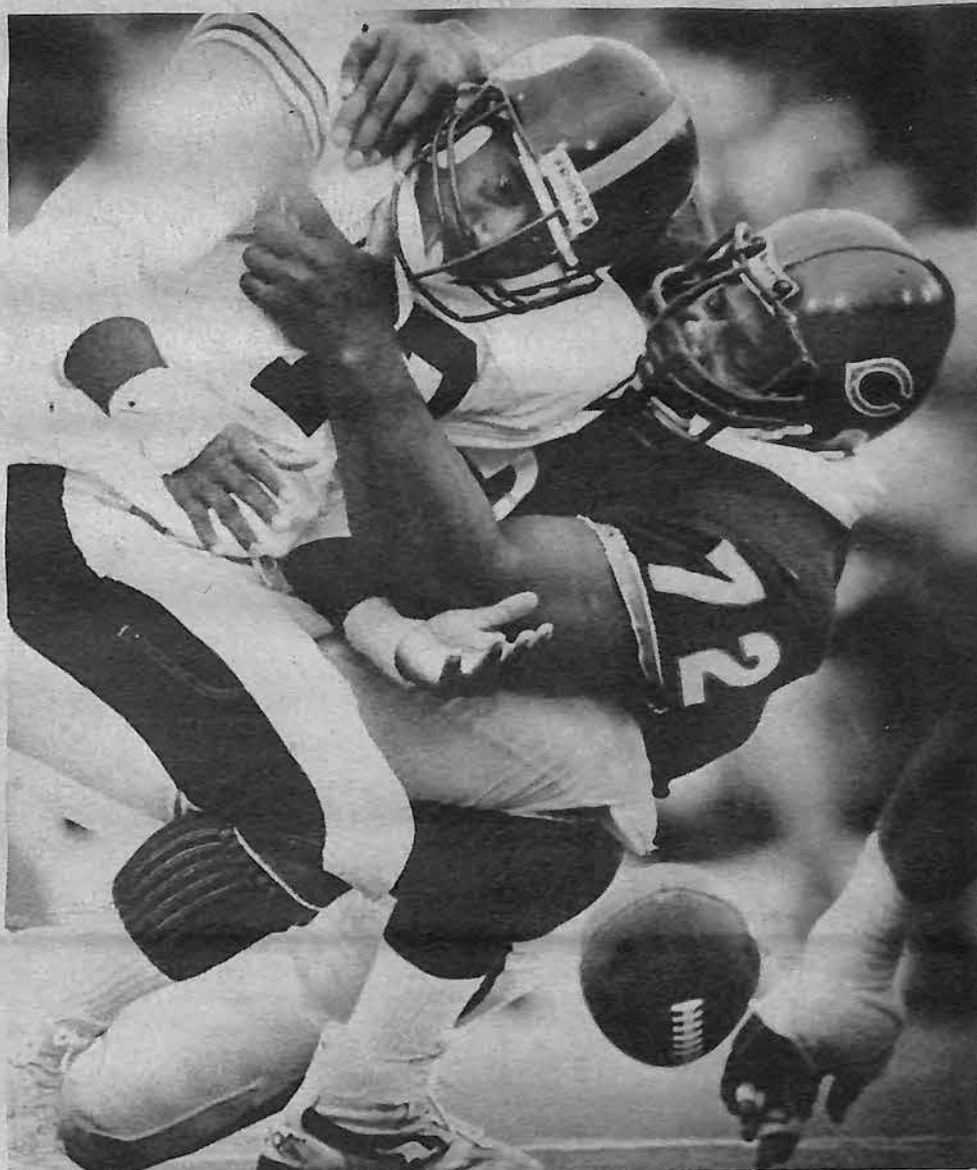
### Tomczak comes out smoking

Tomczak, who had an excellent game against the Steelers last year in the preseason, repeated that fine performance Saturday night.

Tomczak set a torrid pace in the first quarter for the other quarterbacks to follow, completing seven of eight passes in the period for 126 yards and one touchdown.

On Chicago's second possession of the game Tomczak completed three passes for 10 yards or more before completing a 31-yard pass to Willie Gault for the score, giving the Bears a 7-0 lead with 7:49 to go in the opening period.

Tomczak stayed in the game at the start of the second quarter to finish a scoring drive that started at the Bear 32-yard line. Tomczak started the drive with a 33-yard pass completion to Walter Payton. He then hit Tim Wrightman with a five-yard pass and Payton



William Perry forces a fumble by Pittsburgh's Earnest Jackson on the Steelers' first possession of the game. Otis Wilson recovered for Chicago to stop the Steeler scoring threat.

again for 16 yards before going back to Wrightman for an eight-yard touchdown pass. That gave the Bears a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter.

Tomczak left the game after the score, completing eight of nine passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

"Tomczak was outstanding," Ditka said.

### Confidence is the key

Tomczak agreed that his confidence on the field is helping him a lot. "I think my self-confidence was developed in the off-season," he said. "One year makes a lot of difference in professional football, especially at the quarterback position."

Flutie entered the game on the Bears' next possession of the second quarter. Chicago took over at the Pittsburgh 29-yard line after Steelers punter Mike Crow fumbled the snap from center on fourth down.

Flutie didn't get a chance to throw the ball on the drive because the Bears easily gained yardage on the ground. Thomas Sanders carried four times for 15 yards on the drive and scored from two yards out to increase the Bears' lead to 21-0.

With less than a minute left in the half the Bears added a 33-yard field goal by Kevin Butler that was set up by a 29-yard punt return by Eric Jeffries.

Then on the first offensive play after the field goal, Otis Wilson intercepted a Mark Malone pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown, giving Chicago a 31-0 halftime lead.

After Pittsburgh put its first points on the board in the third quarter on a 19-yard touchdown run by Frank Pollard to close to 31-7, Chicago took advantage of another Steeler fumble.

Quarterback Steve Bono fumbled a snap from center, and the Bears' Al Harris recovered the ball and ran to the Steeler 24-yard line before being tackled.

Neal Anderson took the ball in the end zone from there with runs of eight and 16 yards to push Chicago's lead to 38-7 with under five minutes left in the third quarter.

Anderson left the game for a short time when he re-injured his wrist on a block. But the injury wasn't serious and he returned to the field later in the game.

### Jeffries is beat on bomb

Pittsburgh scored again early in the fourth quarter on a 61-yard pass from Bubby Brister to Calvin Sweeney. Jeffries got beat on that play, but Ditka still liked what he saw from the rookie cornerback.

"I think Jeffries is legit," Ditka said. "I think he has to learn to keep his nose where it belongs. He jumped up on a play he had no right jumping up on. But the kid is legitimate. He comes up and he hits and he's willing to take people on."

Jim Harbaugh, who took over for Flutie with 5:11 left in the third quarter, tried to grab

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# Bears-Steelers game statistics

## SCORING SUMMARY

Pittsburgh Steelers ..... 0 0 7 7 — 14  
Chicago Bears ..... 7 24 7 12 — 50

Chicago Bears, 1, 7:11, Gault, 31-yard pass from Tomczak (Butler, kick), 0-7

Chicago Bears, 2, 1:09, Wrightman, 8-yard pass from Tomczak (Butler, kick), 0-14

Chicago Bears, 2, 9:42, Sanders, 2-yard run (Butler, kick), 0-21

Chicago Bears, 2, 14:42, Butler, 33-yard field goal, 0-24

Chicago Bears, 2, 14:51, Wilson 25-yard pass intercept return (Butler, kick), 0-31

Pittsburgh Steelers, 3, 8:20, Pollard, 19-yard run (Anderson, kick), 7-31

Chicago Bears, 3, 10:40, Anderson, 16-yard run (Duvic, kick), 7-38

Pittsburgh Steelers, 4, 2:09, Sweeney, 60-yard pass from Brister (Anderson, kick), 14-38

Chicago Bears, 4, 7:41, Kozlowski, 25-yard pass from Harbaugh (kick blocked), 14-44

Chicago Bears, 4, 14:24, Mosley, 1-yard run (kick failed), 14-50

Weather: Cloudy and cool, temperature 70, humidity 61%, wind and direction: 8 mph/north

Tickets distributed: 66,030, time: 3:23

## FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Steelers	Chicago
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	17	23
By Rushing	7	9
By Passing	9	12
By Penalty	1	2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	7-16	9-16
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-2	0-0
TOTAL NET YARDS	286	420
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	66	69
Av. Gain per Off. Play	4.3	6.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	100	135
Total Rushing Plays	26	40
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	3.8	3.4
NET YARDS PASSING	186	285
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	4-26	2-7
Gross Yds. Passing	212	292
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	36-16-1	27-17-0
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	4.7	9.8
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	5-46.0	6-38.3
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	179	113
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	3-35	3-42
No. and Yds. KO Returns	7-144	3-46
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	0-0	1-25
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	11-85	8-68
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	5-2	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	2	7
Rushing	1	3
Passing	1	3
Returns	0	1
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	2-2	5-7
FG MADE — ATT.	0-1	1-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:22	33:38

## FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Pittsburgh Steelers

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING					
Malone	2	7	3.5	5	0
E. Jackson	5	8	1.6	7	0
Abercrombie	3	19	6.3	12	0
Crow	1	0	0.0	0	0
Carter	4	14	3.5	9	0
Pollard	5	29	5.8	19	1
Bono	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hoge	1	3	3.0	3	0
Stone	4	20	5.0	11	0

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had
PASSING								
Malone	17	6	62	2/10	0	20	1	
Bono	8	6	50	0/0	0	14	0	
Brister	11	4	100	2/16	1	60	0	

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
PASS RECEIVING				
Abercrombie	1	8	8	0
E. Jackson	1	3	3	0
Lipps	2	29	20	0
Sweeney	2	78	60	1
R. Carter	4	27	14	0
Pollard	1	1	1	0

Lee	2	21	13	0
Thompson	1	10	10	0
Hoge	1	4	4	0
Stone	1	31	31	0

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PUNTING						
Crow	2	98	49.0	0	1	62
Newsome	3	132	44.0	0	0	50

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
PUNT RETURNS					
Sanchez	2	1	14	9	0
Lockett	1	0	21	21	0
*Out of bounds	2				

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
KICKOFF RETURNS				
C. Sanders	3	48	21	0
Stone	4	96	47	0

	Fum.	Own	Rec.	Yds.	TD
FUMBLES					
E. Jackson	1	0	0	0	0
Crow	1	1	1	-15	0
Pollard	1	0	0	0	0
Benning	0	1	3	0	0
Thompson	0	1	0	0	0
Bono	1	0	0	0	0
Brister	1	0	0	0	0

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Gain	TD
RUSHING						
Payton	7	13	1.9	4	0	0
Suhey	3	12	4.0	6	0	0
Anderson	6	31	5.2	16	1	0
T. Sanders	9	15	1.7	5	1	0
Flutie	1	14	14.0	14	0	0
Thomas	1	1	1.0	1	0	0
Jessie	3	-4	-1.3	1	0	0
Harbaugh	3	16	5.3	12	0	0
Heimuli	4	24	6.0	12	0	0
Mosley	3	9	3.0	4	0	0

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had
PASSING								
Tomczak	9	8	134	0/0	2	33	0	0
Flutie	9	5	52	1/0	0	15	0	0
Harbaugh	9	4	106	1/7	1	46	0	0

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
PASS RECEIVING				
Gault	2	47	31	1
Morris	1	15	15	0
Ortego	2	27	17	0
Payton	2	49	33	0
Wrightman	2	13	8	1
Thomas	3	26	13	0
Knapczyk	1	11	11	0
Moorehead	1	15	15	0
Barnes	1	46	46	0
Kozlowski	1	25	25	1
Taggart	1	18	18	0

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
INTERCEPTIONS				
Wilson	1	25	25	1

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PUNTING						
Buford	3	114	38.0	0	0	43
Brown	3	116	38.7	0	1	47

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
PUNT RETURNS					
Jeffries	1	0	29	29	0
Jessie	1	0	13	13	0
Patterson	1	0	0	0	0
*Downed	2				

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
KICKOFF RETURNS				
Mosley	2	27	14	0
Patterson	1	19	19	0

	Fum.	Own	Rec.	Yds.	TD
FUMBLES					
Payton	1	0	0	0	0

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

### (Unofficial)

### Pittsburgh Steelers

	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Woods	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanchez	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Shell	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Middleton	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sheffield	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edwards	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodruff	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Little	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hinkle	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nickerson	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Behning	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Winston	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cole	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dunn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apke	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carr	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gary	1	0	1	7	0	0	0
J. Williams	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Williams	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sims	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Forced fumbles: Donnie Shell 1

	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Duerson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeffries	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Douglass	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lynch	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fencik	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
McCray	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Singletary	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrissey	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Marshall	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rivera	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Miggliazzo	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norwell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waechter	1	0	1	12	0	0	0
Perry	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartenstine	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McMichael	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harris	2	0	1	-4	0	0	1
Dent	1	0	1	-6	0	1	0
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampton	2	0	1	-4	0	2	0

Forced fumbles: William Perry 1, Al Harris 2, Eric Jeffries 1

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# Communication makes secondary work

By Michael Polzin  
Managing Editor

CHICAGO — One of the areas Bears head coach Mike Ditka wanted to watch closely in Saturday's game against Pittsburgh was the defensive secondary.

As an experiment Ditka moved strong safety Dave Duerson to free safety and started Todd Bell at strong safety. Gary Fencik, who was replaced by Duerson as the starter at free safety, only saw action in nickel defense situations.

Ditka also looked closely at the play of his young cornerbacks who are bidding for the job to replace veteran Mike Richardson. Richardson is still holding out in a contract dispute.

Making bids for the two starting cornerback spots are last year's starters Reggie Phillips and Vestee Jackson and rookies Eric Jeffries and Lorenzo Lynch. Safeties Shaun Gayle and Maurice Douglass are also possible cornerbacks, though it's unlikely.

After Saturday's 50-14 win Ditka seemed most impressed with the play of Phillips. "I thought Reggie Phillips came up and made some really great plays," Ditka said. "He played real tight on the receivers and that's what you have to do."

Duerson, who was commanding the secondary from his free safety position, was impressed with the play of the young cornerbacks. "They're doing a fantastic job," he said. "Reggie Phillips broke up a couple of balls today. He was right on top of the receivers. And I think both of those were in zone coverage. And with zone coverage you're expecting help, but he was right on top of them."

Duerson himself came up with a good play in zone coverage when he knocked a pass

away from Pittsburgh's Calvin Sweeney near the end zone in the second quarter.

Phillips and Jackson right now are penciled in as the starters, though they are getting pushed by 12th-round draft pick Jeffries. Jeffries may also be helping his chances of making the team by doing an excellent job returning punts. Jeffries returned one punt Saturday for 29 yards.

Jeffries likes receivers to challenge him when he's playing cornerback. But against the Steelers he laid off of Calvin Sweeney too soon and got burned by a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Jeffries had Sweeney covered tightly until quarterback Bobby Brister scrambled out of the pocket. Jeffries then let Sweeney get behind him and Brister hit Sweeney with a pass he threw 65 yards in the air.

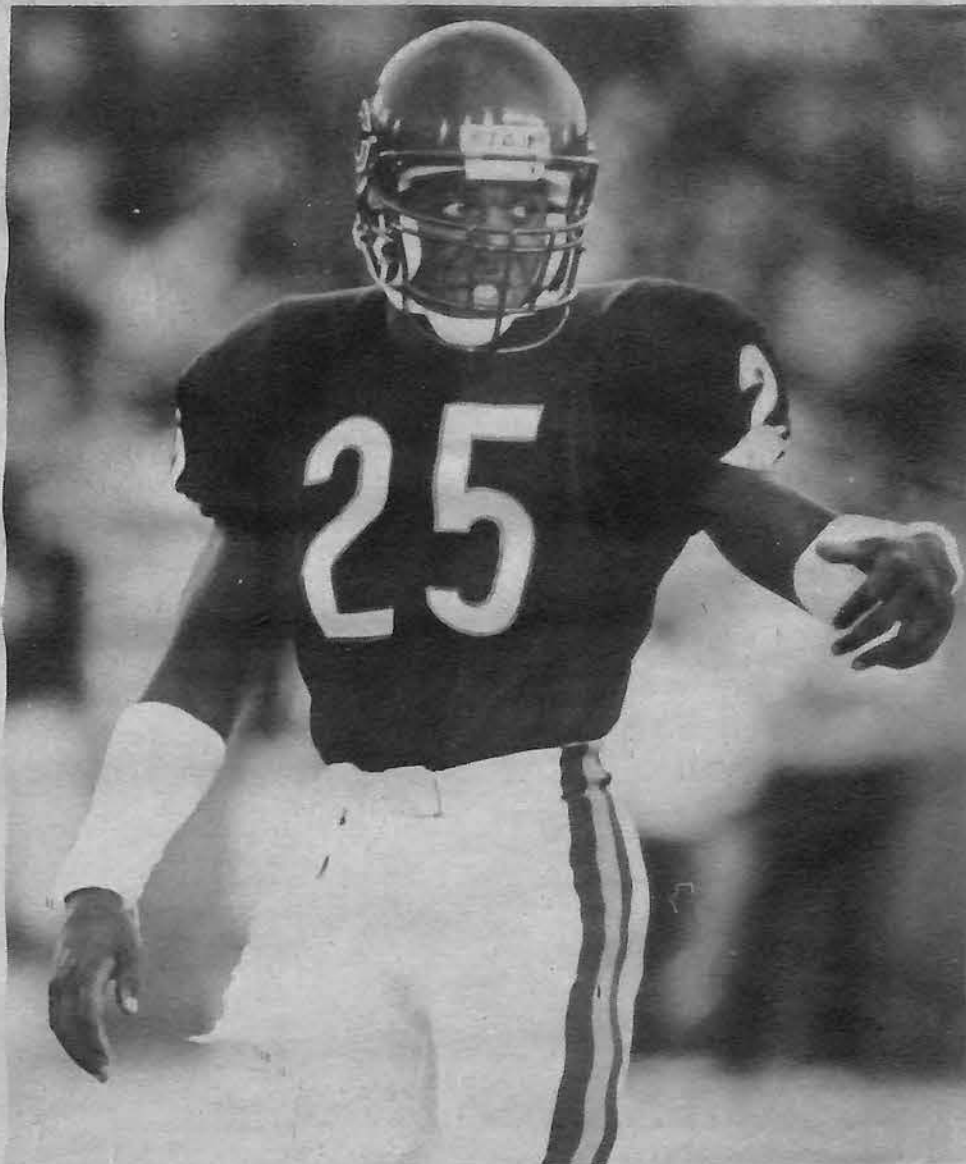
Jeffries probably won't make that mistake again. But that's the problem with playing cornerback. You have to learn on the job.

"The bottom line is we've got basically young corners," Duerson said. "At the cornerback position you get your baptism under fire. You learn by getting beat deep and making mistakes. We've got to get them some experience because you don't know what's going to happen down the road."

With new players in the lineup Saturday and old players playing new positions, Duerson said communication was the key to keeping the defensive secondary organized.

"Anytime you have different people working together you have to communicate verbally," Duerson said. "And we communicated well back there. We worked well as a unit."

As for his own play at free safety, Duerson said he couldn't rely on his instincts as much as he'd like to. "There was a lot of thinking going on back there," he said.



In an experiment Saturday against Pittsburgh Todd Bell started at strong safety, moving Dave Duerson to free safety and Gary Fencik out of the starting lineup. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



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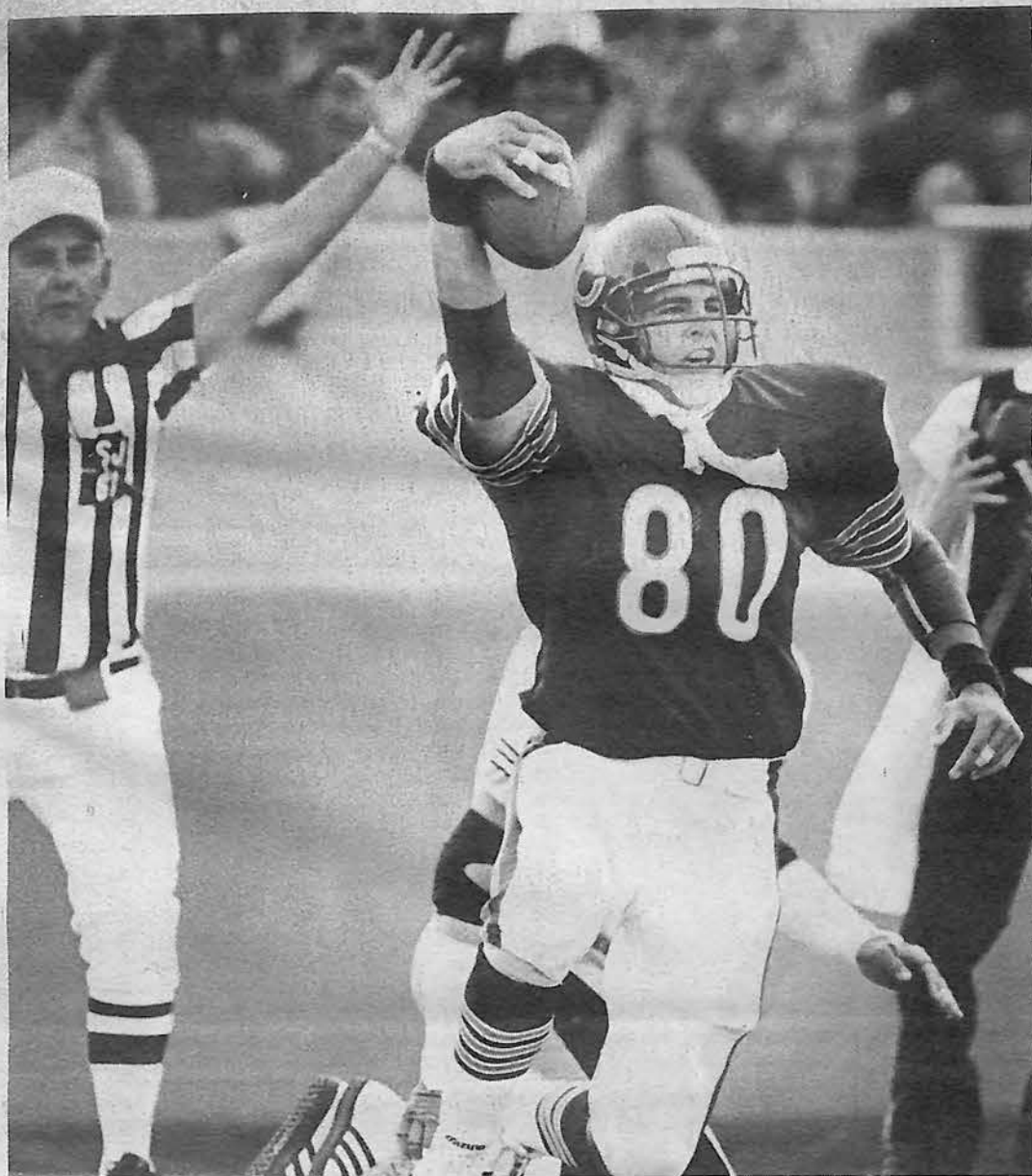
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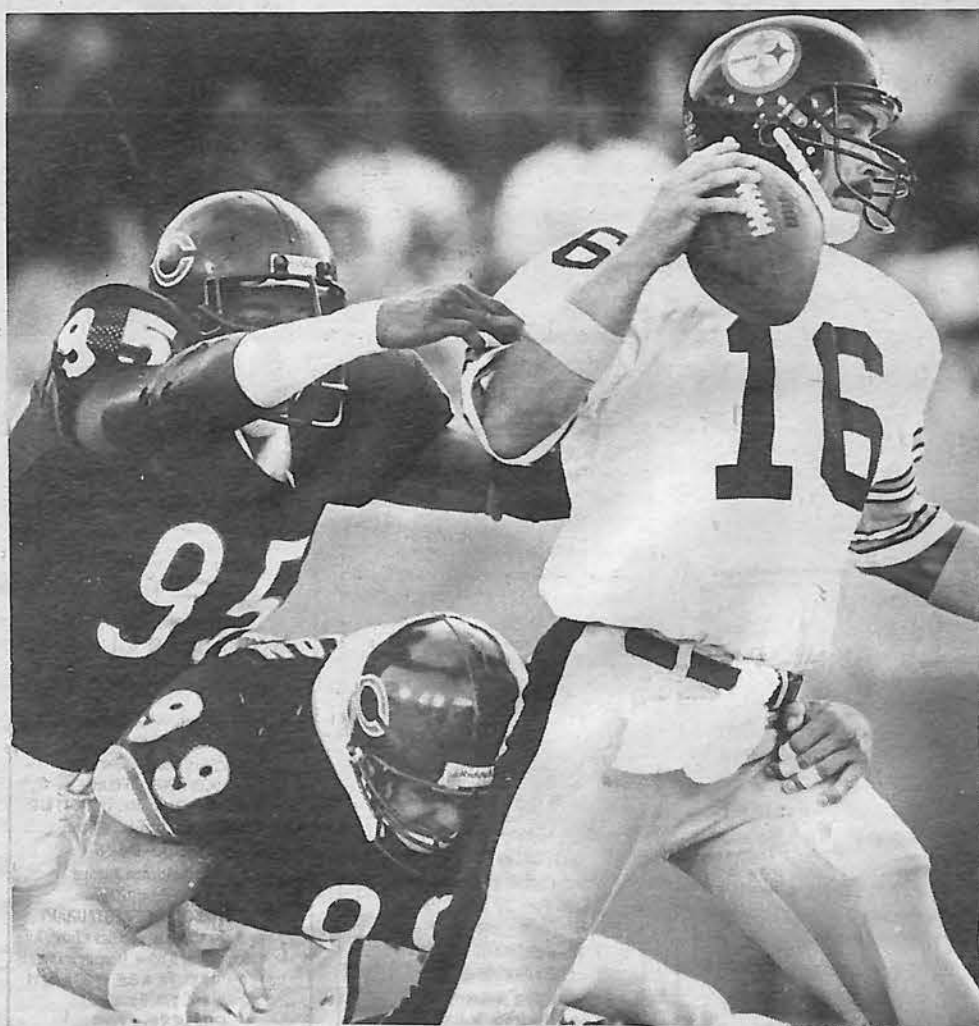
# Bears sparkle in every facet



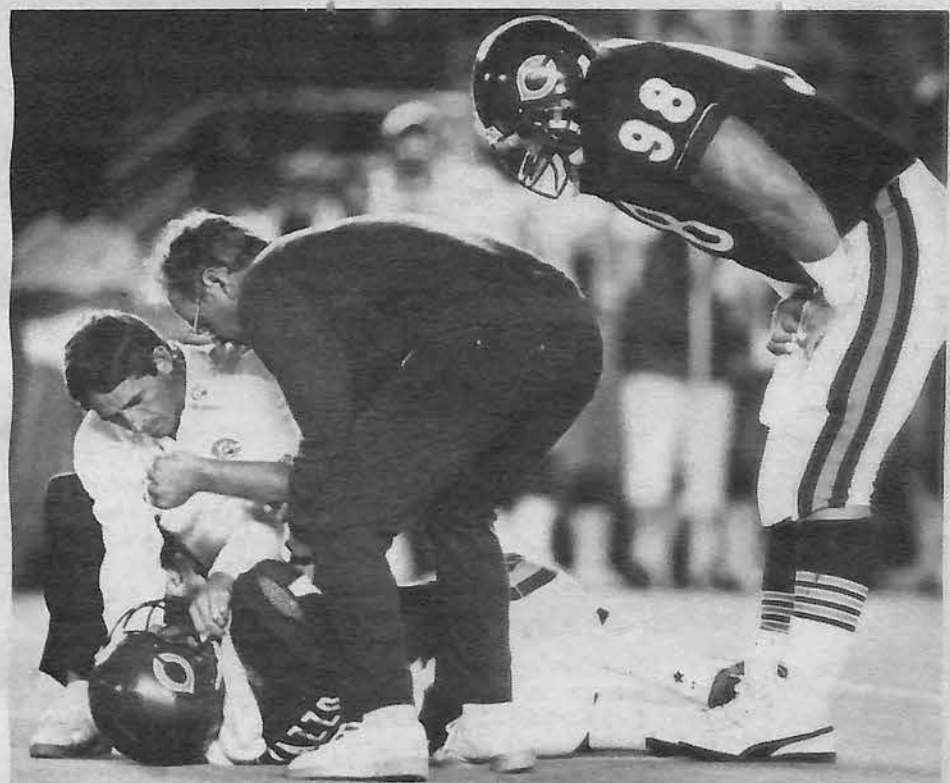
Chicago's Tim Wrightman comes up with the ball after catching an eight-yard touchdown pass from Mike Tomczak...



...and celebrates after giving the Bears an early 14-0 lead. (Bear Report photos by Steve Woltmann)



Richard Dent (95) and Dan Hampton put the pressure on Pittsburgh quarterback Mark Malone in the first quarter of Saturday's 50-14 Bear victory. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



Linebacker Paul Migliazzo is attended to after separating his shoulder in Saturday's game. Migliazzo's teammate at Oklahoma, Steve Bryan, looks over him. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



# NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT

## Chicago Bears

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	College
2	Doug Flutie	QB	5-9	176	2	Boston College
6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	204	3	Georgia
8	Maury Buford	P	6-1	195	6	Texas Tech
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	190	6	BYU
10	John Duvic	K	5-11	168	R	Northwestern
11	Kevin Brown	P	6-2	178	R	West Texas St.
13	Todd Cox	PK	5-11	180	1	Dubuque
14	Jim Harbaugh	QB	6-3	202	R	Michigan
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	195	3	Ohio State
20	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	3	Texas A&M
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	210	5	Notre Dame
23	Shaun Gayle	S	5-11	193	4	Ohio State
24	Vestee Jackson	CB	6-0	186	2	Washington
25	Todd Bell	S	6-1	212	6	Ohio State
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	8	Penn State
29	Dennis Gentry	WR	5-8	180	6	Baylor
31	Eric Jeffries	DB	5-10	161	R	Texas
32	Tim Jessie	RB	5-11	190	R	Auburn
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	6	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	205	13	Jackson St.
35	Neal Anderson	RB	5-11	210	2	Florida
37	Maurice Douglass	DB	5-11	200	2	Kentucky
38	Lakei Heimuli	FB	5-11	219	R	BYU
43	Lorenzo Lynch	CB	5-9	197	R	Cal. St-Sacr.
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	193	12	Yale
46	Anthony Mosley	HB	5-9	205	R	Fresno State
48	Bruce McCray	CB	5-9	181	R	Western IL
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	3	S. Methodist
50	Mike Singletary	LB	6-0	235	7	Baylor
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	6-3	222	3	Michigan State
52	Larry Rubens	C	6-2	262	4	Montana State
54	John Adickes	C	6-3	264	R	Baylor
55	Otis Wilson	LB	6-2	227	8	Louisville
57	Tom Thayer	G	6-4	280	3	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	230	4	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	235	4	California
60	John Wojciechowski	G	6-4	262	1	Michigan St.
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	275	5	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	260	7	Iowa
64	Ronnie James Carter	G	6-3	260	R	Georgia So.
64	Paul Miglizzo	LB	6-1	228	R	Oklahoma
65	Brent Sowell	T/G	6-5	285	1	Alabama
67	Will Johnson	DE	6-4	245	R	N.E. Louisiana
68	Paul Blair	T	6-4	295	2	Oklahoma St.
69	Jay Norvell	LB	6-2	225	1	Iowa
69	Stuart Rindy	OL	6-5	266	R	WI-Whitewater
70	Henry Waechter	DT	6-5	265	6	Nebraska
71	Archie Harris	T	6-6	270	R	William & Mary
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	317	3	Clemson
73	Mike Hartenstine	DE	6-3	260	13	Penn State
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	275	5	Pittsburgh
75	Stefan Humphries	G	6-3	268	4	Michigan
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	265	8	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	285	7	USC
79	Kurt Becker	G	6-5	280	6	Michigan
80	Tim Wrightman	TE	6-3	237	3	UCLA
81	Lew Barnes	WR	5-8	160	2	Oregon
82	Riley Walton	TE	6-3	245	1	Tenn State
83	Willie Gault	WR	6-1	183	5	Tennessee
84	Ron Morris	WR	6-1	187	R	SMU
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	4	Florida State
87	Emergy Moorehead	TE	6-2	225	11	Colorado
88	Glen Kozlowski	WR	6-1	195	1	BYU
89	Keith Ortego	WR	6-0	180	3	McNeese State
90	Al Harris	LB/DE	6-5	270	8	Arizona State
90	Ken Knapczyk	WR	5-11	190	1	Northern Iowa
93	Ed Taggart	TE	6-3	230	R	Ohio State
94	Dick Chapura	DT	6-3	280	R	Missouri
94	Votie Patterson	WR	5-11	185	R	W. Texas St.
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	5	Tenn State
96	Tim Hendrix	TE	6-5	240	R	Tennessee
97	Sean Smith	DE	6-4	275	R	Grambling
98	Steve Bryan	DE	6-3	260	R	Oklahoma
99	Dan Hampton	DE	6-5	267	9	Arkansas

## Facts and Figures

**Kickoff:** Monday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. central time.  
**Site:** Soldier Field, Chicago.

**Playing surface:** Artificial turf.

**Series record:** The Bears hold a 51-25-6 advantage in the regular season. The teams have never met in post-season play, and in the preseason St. Louis leads the series 19-9. The teams didn't meet in the regular season last year, but in the preseason St. Louis defeated the Bears 14-7 at Soldier Field. The game, you may remember, was marred by bench-clearing brawls.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
10	John Lee	K	5-11	182	23	2	UCLA
11	John Bruno	P	6-1	200	22	R	Penn State
12	Kelly Stouffer**	QB	6-3	212	23	R	Colorado St.
14	Greg Celer	P	6-0	205	30	6	TN-Chatanooga
15	Neil Lomax	QB	6-3	215	28	7	Portland St.
16	Kent Austin	QB	6-1	195	24	2	Mississippi
17	Richard Spangler	K	6-1	205	23	1	Ohio St.
18	Cliff Stoudt	QB	6-4	215	32	9	Youngstown St.
19	Shawn Halloran	QB	6-4	217	23	R	Boston College
20	Travis Curtis	FS	5-10	180	21	R	West Virginia
21	Mark Jackson	CB	5-9	180	25	1	Abilene Christian
24	Ron Wolfley	FB	6-0	222	24	3	West Virginia
26	Tim Peoples	DB	6-0	200	22	R	Washington
27	Adrian McBride	WR	6-0	195	24	1	Missouri
28	George Swann	RB	5-10	205	23	R	Miami (Ohio)
29	Gill Stegall	WR	5-8	160	23	1	Harding
30	Stump Mitchell	HB	5-9	188	28	7	The Citadel
31	Earl Ferrell	FB	6-0	224	29	6	E. Tenn. St.
33	Derrick McAdoo	RB	5-10	198	22	R	Baylor
34	Eric Drain	FB	6-2	210	23	1	Missouri
36	Vai Sikaheima	HB/KR/PR	5-9	191	24	2	BYU
37	John Preston	SS	6-0	207	24	1	Central St. (OK)
39	Broderick Sargent	FB	5-10	215	24	2	Baylor
41	Carl Carter	CB	5-11	180	28	2	Texas Tech
43	Lonnie Young	FS	6-1	182	23	3	Michigan St.
45	Leonard Smith	SS	5-11	202	26	5	McNeese St.
46	Tim McDonald	DB	6-2	207	22	R	USC
47	Cedric Mack	CB	6-0	194	26	5	Baylor
48	Tim Wofford*	WR	6-2	200	23	R	Western Illinois
48	Charles Wright*	CB	5-9	178	23	R	Tulsa
50	Ilia Jarostchuk	LB	6-3	231	22	R	New Hampshire
51	Mike Ruether	G/C	6-4	275	24	2	Texas
52	Charlie Baker**	OLB	6-2	234	29	8	New Mexico
53	Wayne Davis	LB	6-1	213	23	R	Alabama
54	E.J. Junior	OLB	6-3	235	27	7	Alabama
55	Anthony Bell	OLB	6-3	231	23	2	Michigan St.
57	Niko Noga	ILB	6-1	235	25	4	Hawaii
58	Peter Noga	MLB	6-0	212	23	R	Hawaii
59	Ron Monaco	MLB	6-1	225	24	2	So. Carolina
60	Al Baker	DE	6-6	270	30	10	Colorado St.
61	Lance Smith	T/G	6-2	262	24	3	LSU
62	Ray Brown	T/G	6-5	280	24	2	Arkansas St.
63	Tootie Robbins	T	6-5	302	29	6	East Carolina
64	Todd Peat	G	6-2	294	23	R	N. Illinois
65	David Galloway	DE	6-3	279	28	6	Florida
66	Tom Welter	T	6-5	280	23	R	Nebraska
78	Luis Sharpe	T	6-4	260	27	6	UCLA
69	Colin Scotts	DT	6-5	263	24	R	Hawaii
70	Derek Kennard	C/G	6-3	285	24	2	Nevada-Reno
71	Joe Bostic	G	6-3	268	30	9	Clemson
72	Michael Morris*	G	6-5	275	26	1	NE Missouri St.
72	Ron Saddler*	DE	6-5	276	21	R	Texas A&M
73	Mark Duda	DT	6-3	279	26	5	Maryland
74	Gene Chilton	T	6-3	271	23	2	Texas
75	Curtis Greer	DE	6-4	258	29	8	Michigan
78	Charles Vatterott*	T/G	6-4	263	23	R	SW Texas St.
78	Freddie Joe Nunn*	DE	6-4	255	25	3	Mississippi
79	Bob Clasby	DT	6-5	260	28	2	Notre Dame
80	Robert Awall	TE	6-5	248	23	R	San Diego St.
81	Roy Green	WR	6-0	195	30	9	Henderson St.
82	Donald Narcisse	WR	5-9	170	22	R	Texas Southern
83	Don Holmes	WR	5-10	180	26	2	Mesa (CO)
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85	Jay Novacek	TE	6-4	235	24	3	Wyoming
86	Eric Swanson	WR	5-11	186	23	2	Tennessee
87	Troy Johnson	WR	6-1	175	24	2	Southern
89	Cap Boso	TE	6-3	240	24	2	Illinois
91	William Harris	TE	6-4	243	22	R	Bishop (TX)
93	Steve Alvord	DT	6-4	272	22	R	Washington
94	Jeff Paine	LB	6-3	224	25	2	Texas A&M
95	Mark Garalczyk	DT	6-5	272	21	R	W. Michigan
96	Greg Ramsey	DE	6-4	255	23	R	Fresno St.

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He also wanted to instill some toughness in his team last season, and that came out a little sooner than he expected.

When the Bears and Cardinals met last season in the preseason, the game was marred by two bench-clearing brawls. The Cardinals survived the brawls and came out on top in the game at Soldier Field, 14-7.

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2 Doug Flutie  
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9 Jim McMahon



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35 Neal Anderson  
32 Tim Jessie  
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**Kick returner**  
32 Tim Jessie  
**Kick center**  
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94 Votie Patterson  
97 Dave Moritz



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80 Tim Wrightman  
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**LT**  
74 Jim Covert  
68 Paul Blair  
71 Archie Harris



**LG**  
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75 Stefan Humphries  
60 John Wojciechowski  
64 Ronnie James Carter



**C**  
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**RG**  
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79 Kurt Becker  
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**WR**  
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**LE**  
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46 Tim McDonald



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36 Vai Sikahema  
33 Derrick McAdoo  
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**Kick returner**  
36 Vai Sikahema  
**Kick center**  
72 Michael Morris



**WR**  
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87 Troy Johnson  
27 Adrian McBride  
48 Tim Wofford



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66 Tom Welter  
72 Michael Morris



**LG**  
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64 Todd Peat



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89 Cap Boso  
80 Robert Awalt  
91 William Harris



**WR**  
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86 Eric Swanson  
83 Don Holmes  
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# BEAR NOTEBOOK

## McMahon skips practice; first cuts made

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - Jim McMahon just couldn't let the Bears leave their Platteville, Wis. training camp on a quiet note last Thursday.

McMahon missed the morning practice, the Bears' only practice that day, without permission from head coach Mike Ditka or trainer Fred Caito and appeared to be back in Ditka's doghouse.

Just a couple of weeks ago Ditka talked about how well he and McMahon were communicating this year, but that didn't last long. "It's our new form of communication," Ditka said in a sarcastic tone.

The Bears had an 8:30 practice scheduled for their final morning in Platteville before leaving around noon. Ditka had extended the curfew Wednesday night to 1 a.m. and said that may have contributed to McMahon's absence the next morning. "He must have had a bad night," Ditka said.

McMahon was seen heading to the trainer's room Thursday morning around 8:30, and assistant trainer Brian McCaskey said he treated McMahon's shoulder at that time. Shaun Gayle, Stefan Humphries and Brent Sowell also were in the room being treated and had permission from Ditka to miss practice.

McCaskey does not have authority to excuse players from practice.

McMahon's usual schedule in the morning is to get treatment on his shoulder and do weightlifting for about an hour before heading out to the practice field to watch the last hour of practice. Thursday he never made it to the practice field.

"He wasn't excused from practice today. He just didn't come out," Ditka said. "But he'll be fined." The maximum fine for missing a practice is \$500.

Ditka said McMahon couldn't have been working out with weights because they were being packed and sent back to Lake Forest. "There's no excuses this time," Ditka said.

There was a slim chance that McMahon would take some snaps in the Pittsburgh

game Saturday, but that disappeared when McMahon missed practice.

McMahon threw on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, and the media were anxious to see if he would throw on Thursday for the third straight day, which he never did while in Platteville.

McMahon reported after Wednesday's practice that his arm felt good and he was on schedule to play in the regular season opener against the Giants.

"It's starting to feel pretty good. There's still some soreness but nothing I'm worried about," he said.

McMahon still hopes to play in the last two preseason games as a tuneup for the Giants game Sept. 14.

McMahon had been bothered by muscle soreness in the area behind his shoulder. He threw the first two days of training camp but then didn't throw on consecutive days again until last week.

•**THE BEARS MADE** their first roster cuts Aug. 18. The following players were waived: kicker Todd Cox, defensive back George Duarte, running back Frank Harris, safety Mike Lush, fullback Alan Wolden, safety Mike Hintz, fullback Dave Romasko, linebackers Mike January, Doug Rothschild and Thomas Flaherty, tight end Jim Popp and wide receivers Dave Moritz and Herbert Johnson.

The Bears' roster now stands at 74 players. They're required to reduce the roster to 60 players by Sept. 1 and to 45 players by Sept. 7.

•**LAST WEEK'S INJURY REPORT:** Shaun Gayle missed the Pittsburgh game because of a strained ankle but should be ready in plenty of time for Monday night's game against St. Louis. Keith Van Horne and Kurt Becker returned to the lineup against Pittsburgh after recovering from injuries suffered earlier.

Center Jay Hilgenberg practiced again last week despite still being bothered by a sprained shoulder.

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Wide receiver Dennis McKinnon still has been unable to practice every day, but still played in the Bears' game against Pittsburgh Saturday. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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## Bears win

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some attention midway through the fourth quarter when he hit Lew Barnes with a 46-yard pass to move the Bears to the Steeler 29-yard line. Harbaugh followed that three plays later with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Glen Kozlowski to make the score 44-14. John Duvic had the extra point attempt blocked by the Steelers.

The Bears added one more touchdown on a one-yard run by Anthony Mosley. Steve McMichael came in to attempt the extra point but missed it wide to the left, making the final 50-14.

Flutie completed five of nine passes in the game for 52 yards, and Harbaugh completed four of nine passes for 106 yards and one touchdown.

**Ditka still looking to McMahon**

With all three of his healthy quarterbacks playing well, Ditka hasn't made a final decision on which ones he'll keep, and he still hopes McMahon returns to the lineup soon. "I'm still looking," he said. "They all had their moments out there. But my hope is that Jim (McMahon) can play next week and start Monday night against the Cardinals."

Two rookies for the Bears suffered serious injuries in the game. Defensive tackle Dick Chapura damaged his knee that's been bothering him all training camp, and linebacker Paul Migliazzo separated his shoulder. It wasn't immediately known how much time they'll miss.



# Duerson stresses drug education to kids

Kids look up to athletes. Sometimes that's a problem. Sometimes it should be the other way around, with so many athletes breaking laws and hearts because they believe they're idol-worshippers. But athletes are role models, like it or not.

They have responsibilities to their public. They're well-paid for that inconvenience, even those who aren't brazen enough to charge \$5 an autograph at shopping malls. It's part of their fabulous contracts, morally if not legally.

KEVIN LAMB



Dave Duerson is not the only athlete who lives up to his part of that unspoken bargain, not by a long shot. But he may be the only one who set up a non-profit corporation to make sure kids know there are athletes worth emulating. Duerson decided to give kids a bunch of athletes worth looking up to, who would say things worth hearing.

For the last four summers, he has held football camps. They were a little different, though, from the hundreds of camps around the country. Besides the lectures on techniques for blocking and tackling, Duerson's camps stressed techniques on living and excelling. They are camps where, he says, "kids can learn a little about football and a lot about life."

The strongest theme is drug use and its dangers. Drugs have cost Duerson four close friends, which inspired him to create the non-profit corporation in the first place. He named it DAMCO, after himself, his father, Arthur, and his brother, Michael. He sought youngsters who were at the highest

risk from drugs, which was why the corporation had to be non-profit. Many of them could barely afford football bubblegum cards, let alone football camps.

In the first years, Duerson had to spend \$15,000 a year just to keep the idea alive. DAMCO has come a long way. A single banquet last year raised \$16,000. His camps attracted 3,000 boys and girls this summer, at a three-day session in his hometown, Muncie, Ind., and six one-day camps in Illinois. About 50 NFL players have participated in his various camps, and now, Duerson hopes to branch out into other sports.

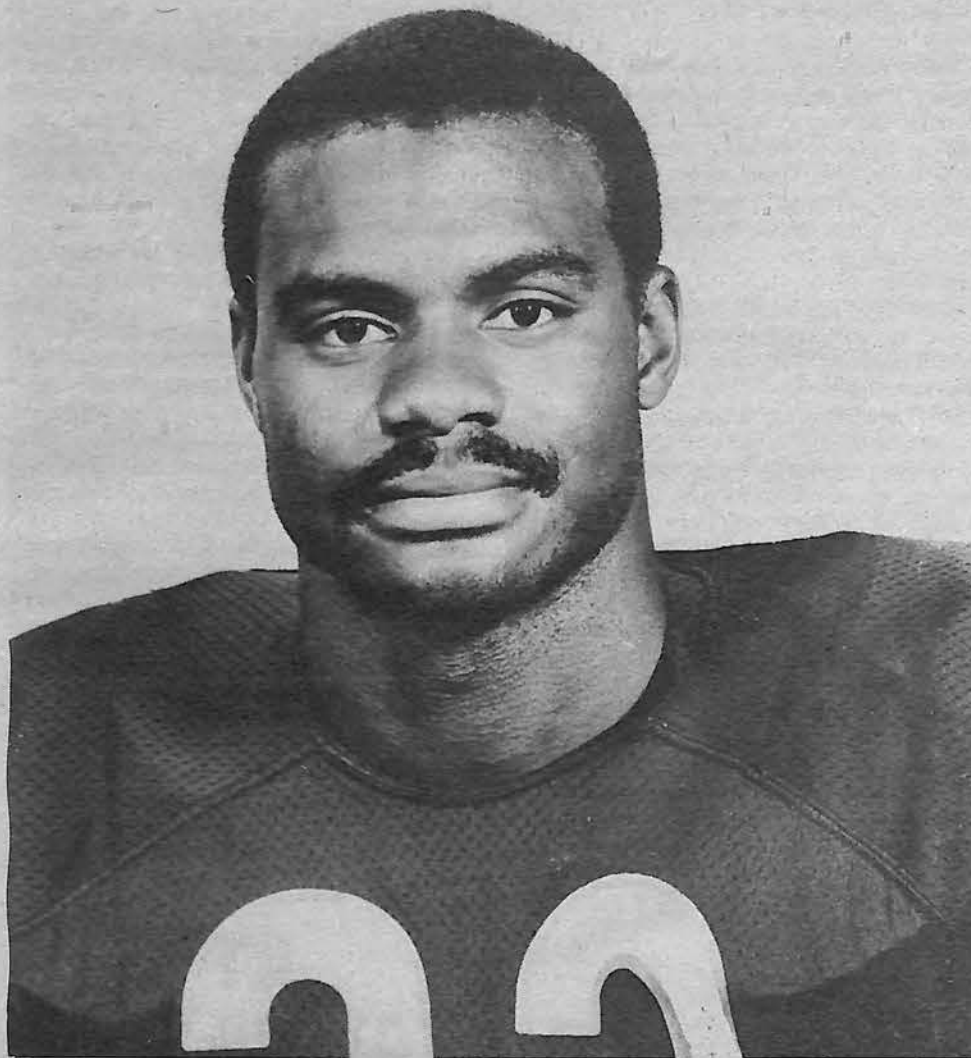
## Illinois expansion wasn't easy

Just branching into Illinois was something of a chore. DAMCO II, as the Illinois corporation is called, could not get started because it couldn't get the liability insurance it needed. Duerson was still stymied in March of 1986, when he went to the State of Illinois Center concourse for the unveiling of the Bears' Super Bowl trophy. Lt. Gov. George Ryan had arranged to display the trophy at the concourse.

After the ceremony, Duerson and Ryan chatted. Duerson explained DAMCO, what it had done in Muncie and how he was having trouble bringing it to Illinois. Ryan already was heavily involved in helping athletes draw battle lines against drugs through STOP, Sports Teams Organized for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. He made some phone calls. With help from the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, DAMCO II was born.

The six Illinois camps this summer were called "Living Straight, Playing Straight." Youngsters were divided into age groups, and NFL players and volunteers ran them through drills. They also talked.

"If I didn't know the guy from Adam, I'd still be out here because I grew up on the streets of New York," Otis Wilson said after helping at the Springfield Lanphier High School camp. "I know what this is all about. This is for the kids. The problem is not so much drugs, but trying to make the kids aware, in trying to show them there's a



Dave Duerson is trying to expand his DAMCO II anti-drug program to schools to educate children.

proper way of doing things in life."

By the time a session has ended, most of the aspiring football players gathered around the pro stars have all but forgotten they were there to learn football. Grateful parents sent Duerson letters all last season from the previous summer's camps. "The kids weren't talking about what Otis Wilson was teaching them about tackling, or what Dennis McKinnon was teaching them about catching the ball," Duerson said. "They were talking about what these guys were telling them about staying away from drugs."

## DAMCO II moves to classroom

Later this year, Duerson plans to branch DAMCO II farther, from the field to the classroom. "We're going to be creating three peer-group programs in grade schools," he said. "It won't be just drug awareness. It's going to be a total self-esteem type program."

He planned three target areas — Chicago's South and West sides and the northern suburbs of Lake Forest and Highland Park, near the Bears' headquarters. "They need it, too," Duerson said of the suburbanites. "The idea was to cross demographic as well as economic lines." Duerson is thinking of having, say, 10 schools from each area send him three students apiece for the programs.

But drug education remains the focal point of DAMCO. Children know drugs are bad. They hear it often enough. But they don't know why. Most adults don't really, for that matter. Unless they know the whys, they often think they can beat the odds. Kids think they're invincible. Athletes, especially, think they're invincible. Part of education is the appreciation that nobody can be sure he's invincible to drug addiction, least of all athletes, whose bodies produce greater amounts of stress-induced natural chemicals that have strong similarities to recreational drugs.

## Duerson fights for education

Duerson has argued the relative merits of

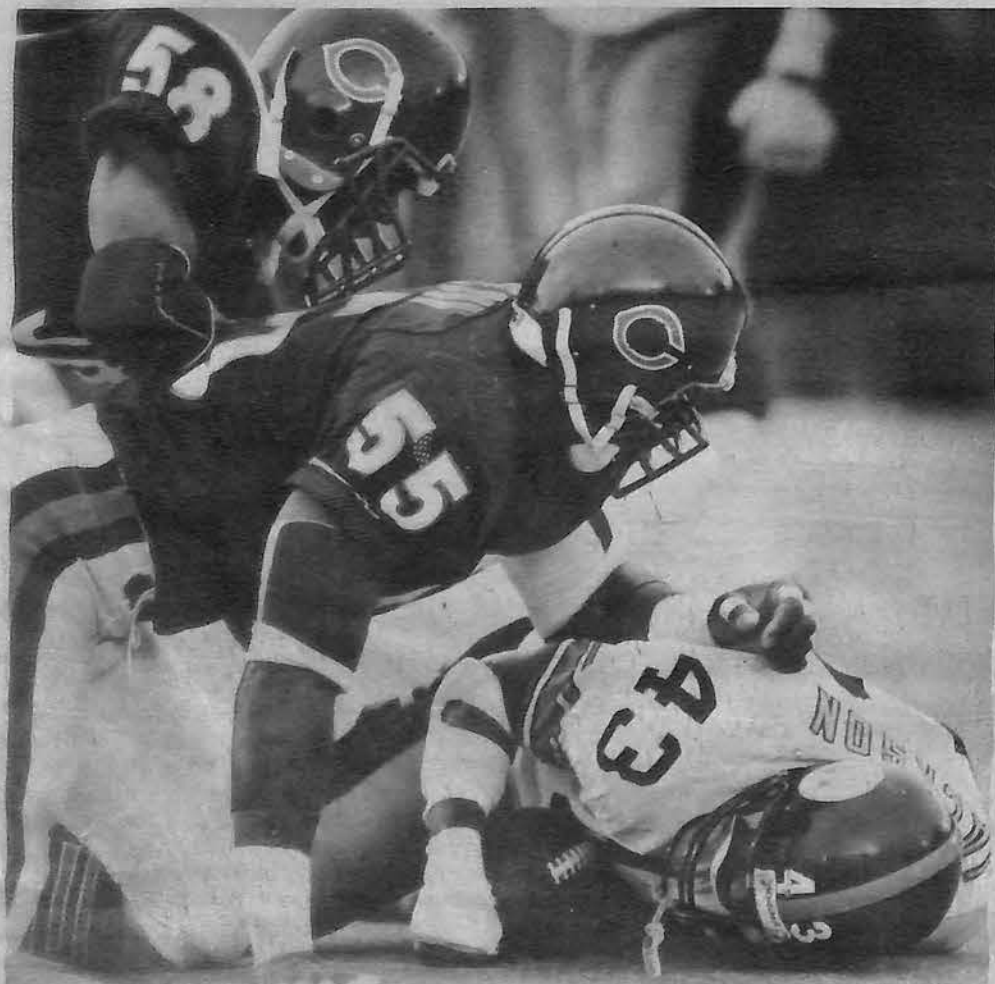
drug education with political honchos and, indirectly, NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle. Nobody says drug education isn't important. Nobody wants to sound that stupid. But by emphasizing the enforcement aspects of prevention, the catching and punishing of users, a lot of leaders diminish the importance of education.

It sounds noble enough, "cracking down." But Duerson's experience in the field has told him cracking down doesn't work as well as it sounds. All athletes know Len Bias and Don Rogers died from cocaine use. That's a more severe threat than possible suspension. But too many still think that can't possibly happen to them. They need to know why it can. If they think they can beat cocaine's health risk, they certainly will think they can beat the enforcers. Duerson's experience has taught him that, and it has taught him drug prevention needs a carrot as well as a stick, the incentive of a drug-free life's benefits, and how that doesn't come about by using drugs just a little.

"Some people say the first thing you've got to teach kids is self-esteem," Duerson says, disagreeing also with the more tolerant extreme in the debate. "I went to Notre Dame. These kids had tons of self-esteem. They also were doing tons of drugs. Self-esteem is important, but it's not the main thing. The main thing they need is education about drugs. How addictive drugs are. How devastating the end result can be.

"It's an 'in' thing. Like most things — kids drive fast cars not knowing it's a deathtrap. If they know about it, they don't want any part of it. If we were taught drug education the way we're taught sex education in schools, you'd see a lot less drug abuse in grade schools and high schools."

Education changes values. Maybe the "in" thing becomes not using drugs. Maybe peer pressure changes to turning away from drugs instead of turning on. If Duerson's role models keep making the impact he wants, using drugs in schools won't be any more cool than wearing bobby sox. And he'll even sign an autograph for free.



Duerson's teammate, Otis Wilson, is one of many NFL players who have helped out in Duerson's football and drug education camps in the summer. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



# Notebook

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Walter Payton left practice early on Wednesday after becoming nauseous from a painkiller he was taking for a toothache.

Steve Fuller underwent surgery on his shoulder last Wednesday and Caito said, "Steve did very well." Caito expects Fuller to begin rehabilitation in about five weeks and be able to throw again in about three months.

•**BEARS PRESIDENT MICHAEL McCASKEY** said last week that he still believes he and Ditka can agree on a contract before Ditka's deadline of Sept. 7. After that date, Ditka said he won't discuss a contract until after the season.

But Ditka sounded very pessimistic about it when he was interviewed by Jeannie Morris on WBBM-TV. "I don't think anything will be done... ever," Ditka told Morris. "That's the way I feel right now. I've never been told that I'm wanted."

Ditka also said that he was asked to make a proposal and that he made two but has yet to get any response.

•**BEFORE BREAKING CAMP** in Platteville Ditka said the team got in a lot of good work. "I think we had a good camp for the most

part," he said. "There's a lot of disappointments, but I'd rather stay off of that until we trade them or release them."

He also said nothing he saw during camp surprised him. "Naw, all these guys are paid to play. They should play good," he said.

Ditka expects the Bears to be back in Platteville next year, though he said things are getting a little distracting. While the Saints were practicing with the Bears, crowds at the training site were estimated at around 6,000. Ironically, the Bears first came to Platteville to get away from the large crowds in Lake Forest.

"Unfortunately we created an animal," Ditka said. "They just came out in hordes to see us. Drones."

Lake Forest should be a welcome sight for the team. "I think we can concentrate a little better back there," Ditka said. "I think the players will have a little more peace. But it's still training camp."

The Bears also announced that all practices in Lake Forest will be closed to the public.

Despite the huge crowds this year Ditka likes training in Platteville. "I hope we're back," he said. "If this isn't a good place to train I don't know what is."

•**WILLIAM PERRY'S WEIGHT** is still hovering around the 325 mark, and Ditka said if Perry's weight isn't below 320 by this week he may have to start fining the defensive tackle.



Head coach Mike Ditka (left) and Bears president Michael McCaskey have yet to get together off the field to hammer out a new contract for Ditka. His current contract expires at the end of the season. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

•**THE BEARS-DOLPHINS GAME** was the most watched sports program ever on cable television. The game drew an 8.9 rating on ESPN.

•**IN STADIUM DEVELOPMENTS** the Chicago Park District announced it is closing two Soldier Field parking lots at a cost of 2,000 parking spaces.

The lots that will be closed are the Arvey Lot north of the Field Museum and the Burnham Lot east of northbound Lake Shore Drive.

Michael McCaskey said he is opposed to the lot closings and said Bear fans who wish to complain should call the Park District. Jesse D. Madison, Park District executive vice president, said "green space" shouldn't be used for parking lots.

In news about a new Bears stadium the city and the Bears signed a letter of intent to build a West Side stadium and to consider

building more skyboxes at the south rim of Soldier Field to improve team revenues until the new stadium is completed.

McCaskey said the letter of intent is not a legally binding paper and that moving the team to the suburbs is still a possibility.

McCaskey now hopes a new stadium for the Bears will be ready by 1991. He said additional skyboxes at Soldier Field will be necessary to improve team revenues until the Bears can move into their new stadium.

The letter of intent was signed in hopes of getting the ball rolling on building the West Side stadium while interest rates are still low. McCaskey said because the stadium will be built largely with private funds, the project is extremely sensitive to interest rates.

"Now is the time to act," McCaskey said. "Now is the time to get the financing in place and take advantage of those low interest rates."

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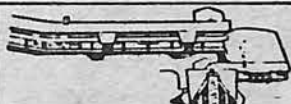
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# Ditka adds juicy tidbits in book

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The updated version of Bear coach Mike Ditka's autobiography (Bonus Books), originally published after the 1985 season, has several juicy tidbits about 1986.

On quarterback Jim McMahon's criticism of the use of Doug Flutie, Ditka said: "It was like having a hot coal down the back of my shirt. It really made me mad. I think Jim was trying to protect his two friends, Tomczak and Fuller. But he didn't look at all the facts before he judged Doug."

On the firing of GM and close friend Jerry Vainisi: "I was very hurt and upset when Jerry left. I really don't know why he was let go."

Ditka said the players deserved the com-

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mercial endorsement gravy train. But, he added, "a couple of guys who were good friends let a commercial get in their way. Dan Hampton and Steve McMichael disagreed over who was supposed to be in a William Perry tire commercial. But life goes on. They both played well. They shouldn't let things like that bother them. That's like letting wives come between friendships. That's stupid, too, and I've seen that happen. Friends are hard to find; you can find a wife anywhere."

## LA GOODBYE:

The longer Bear cornerback "LA" Mike Richardson holds out in his contract dispute with the team, the more his teammates become concerned.

"Mike was becoming one of the best cornerbacks in the league last year," said Pro Bowl Bear strong safety Dave Duerson. "Last year I think he turned a lot of heads. He came a long way in terms of his own personal discipline. I've watched him mature as a football player. Mike's got some talent, no question about it."

Duerson is Richardson's roommate on the road. But defensive end Richard Dent is probably Richardson's closest friend on the team. "I think we need Mike Richardson to feel more safe," Dent said.

## THE BUDDY SYSTEM:

Cornerback Leslie Frazier, waived earlier this month by the Bears, is currently lined up as a starter for Buddy Ryan's Eagles. When the Bears let him go they insisted Frazier's damaged knee wouldn't withstand NFL wear and tear. Frazier disputed that claim.

Former Bear defensive coordinator Ryan was more than happy to take a chance on Frazier. But the reason Frazier is starting has mostly to do with the contract holdouts of Eagle cornerbacks Roynell Young, Elbert Fowles and Evan Cooper.

Frazier, meanwhile, has reportedly told people in Philadelphia that he passed his physical in Indianapolis; too, and could have played with the Colts. The Colts said Frazier flunked his physical with them.

Ryan is furious with the Eagle front office for not getting several other key players signed. One of them is Pro Bowl wide receiver Mike Quick. He was even more upset when he found out how much less the team is offering Young than Quick. "Roynell is just as important to this team as Quick is," Ryan told reporters. "So you can go ask Har-

ry and the guy in France about that."

'Harry' is Eagle GM Harry Gamble. 'The guy in France' is Eagle owner Norman Braman, who vacations at his villa in France.

## CAPITOL GAIN:

Washington's reacquisition of fired Falcon head coach Dan Henning will only help the Redskins in their manic pursuit of New York in the NFC East. Henning was one of the principal architects of the Super Bowl winning, John Riggins, one-back offense under head coach Joe Gibbs before he took the head job in Atlanta four years ago. He's now back as an assistant under Gibbs.

"My family handled it real well," Henning said of his dismissal in Atlanta. "I was fired on Monday, the dog died on Wednesday and there was no comparison. The trauma was a lot greater for the dog."

"I'm not gonna tell you in four years I was a great coach. But after four years I learned more each year. I told (Atlanta owner) Rankin (Smith), 'When you hired me I wasn't the best man for the job, but when you fired me, I was.'" Henning's record in Atlanta was 22-41-1, 7-8-1 last year.

Henning could have gone to Tampa Bay as Ray Perkins' offensive coordinator or to the Giants as a Bill Parcells assistant.

## MINUTE BY MINUTE:

What Cowboy followers are calling the daily attention being paid to quarterback Danny White's wrist injury recovery: "The Wrist Watch."

## FRIDGE WATCH:

Both Bear coach Mike Ditka and William "The Refrigerator" Perry grow wearier by the day about questions dealing with Perry's weight. But almost nobody asks Bear defensive coordinator Vince Tobin for his opinion.

"I would say somewhere around 310ish," Tobin said when asked to name an optimal playing weight for his starting right tackle. "He moves so much better when he gets down in that range. I'm talking about change of directions, getting down, getting back up or when the quarterback ducks under. That was always one of his fortes for a guy as big as he was because he could change directions very quickly."

## GOVERNOR DUMBER:

Interested parties in Phoenix are reportedly fighting to keep the NFL from moving its annual meetings from their city even though the NFL says it's not considering such a move.

The controversy stems from Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham's decision to rescind state acknowledgment of the Jan. 18 birthday of the late Rev. Martin Luther King as a holiday. Last September the NBA's Board of Governors cited Mecham's action as their reason for moving meetings away from Scottsdale, Ariz.

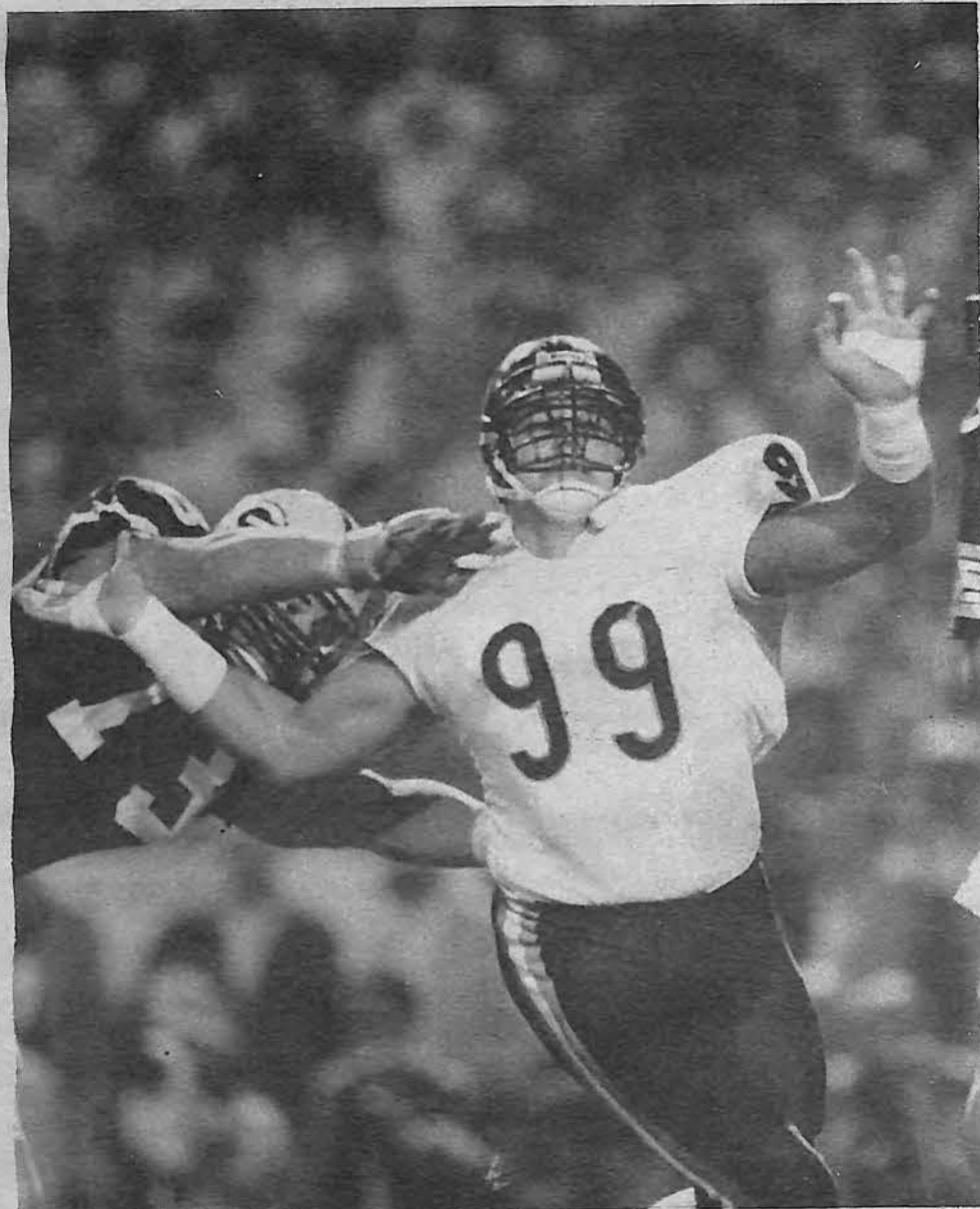
Rock acts Stevie Wonder and the Doobie Bros. subsequently canceled appearances in Arizona. Meanwhile, there has been an effort in Arizona to recall Mecham.

So far the NFL hasn't concerned itself directly with Mecham's actions. "The city of Phoenix observes the holiday," said NFL spokesman Joe Browne, referring to the NBA's move. "But the city of Scottsdale didn't."

Said one Phoenix football writer of Republican Mecham: "He's so conservative, he scares Barry." Barry is conservative former Arizona Senator Barry M. Goldwater.

## NFL BITS:

• Bear defensive end Dan Hampton on his 1986 decision to avoid media contact: "Maybe I took myself a little too seriously last year."



Dan Hampton says he may have taken himself too seriously last season when he refused to talk to the press in opposition to the media circus that surrounded the Bears.

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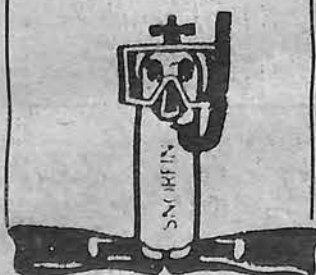


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Bear history:  
The 1930s

**1930** - After a 4-8-2 1929 season, George Halas replaces himself as head coach with Ralph Jones. Jones posts a 24-10-7 record during his three years.

The Bears and Cardinals play football's first indoor game on an 80-yard field at Chicago Stadium. It's an exhibition for unemployment relief.

**Nov. 16, 1931** - New Yorkers, including Gov. Alfred E. Smith and Mayor Jimmy Walker, in field boxes at \$100 a seat watch Bears top Giants in Polo Grounds, 12-6.

**Dec. 18, 1932** - Bronko Nagurski hits Red Grange with a two-yard touchdown pass and the Bears top the Portsmouth Spartans 9-0 for the NFL championship. The game was played before 11,198 fans indoors at Chicago Stadium on an 80-yard field.

**1932** - Bears franchise loses \$18,000 prompting Dutch Sternaman to unload his half of the Bears to George Halas.

**1933** - George Halas returns as head coach and takes the club out of town for training camp for the first time. The University of Notre Dame is the host.

**Nov. 5, 1933** - Boston Redskins delight home fans by whitewashing the Bears 10-0, ending Chicago's 30-game unbeaten streak.

**Dec. 17, 1933** - The Bears use rookie Jack Manders' accurate kicking for 11 points and defeat the Giants 23-21 in the NFL's first championship game.

**Aug. 31, 1934** - A classic is born as 79,432 watch the NFL champion Bears held to a scoreless tie by the first College All-Star team in a game sponsored by Chicago Tribune Charities at Soldier Field.

**Dec. 2, 1934** - Rookie Beattie Feathers becomes the first pro back to rush for 1,000 yards with 1,004 to lead the NFL.

**Dec. 9, 1934** - The undefeated Bears slip before the Giants in the NFL title game at the Polo Grounds 30-13 before 35,059. With Chicago leading 10-3 at the half, New York dons basketball sneakers and scores 27 points.

**Dec. 12, 1937** - The Bears win the Western Division title but lose the NFL championship 28-21 to the Redskins at Wrigley Field. Sammy Baugh hits 18 of 33 passes for 335 yards and three touchdowns. Jack Manders scores 15 of the Bears points. A Chicago player's share is \$127.78.

## Bear of the week: Tim Wrightman

**Age:** 27.

**Birthplace:** Harbor City, Calif.

**Height:** 6-3.

**Weight:** 235.

**College:** UCLA.

**Marital status:** Single.

**Superstitions:** None. I try to do everything differently each game.

**The last good movie I saw:** Stakeout.

**The most recent book I've read:** The Great Depression of 1990. It's about the social cycles and economic cycles in the U.S. and how every third and sixth generation there's a depression in the U.S. It missed the third generation, which would have been the 1960s, so he says that in 1990 there'll be a depression. So I'm planning my investments accordingly.

**My favorite performer:** I have so many friends who are performers, so maybe I should pick someone who's dead. If I had to pick one, I'd have to say John Wayne, because when I was recruited out of high school I got a signed personal letter from him for USC.

**My favorite childhood memory:** It's kind of goofy. I would sit in my parents' backyard and sit on this giant stuffed dog and ride it like a horse.

**Personal heroes:** I've never been much of the hero-worshipping type. I thought after seeing the movie Patton that George Patton was an interesting guy.

**Nobody knows I'm:** Actually pretty shy.

**I'm better than anyone else at:** Eating ice cream.

**The worst part of my job:** Trying to convince other people it's a job.

**My fantasy is:** To be powerful but benevolent.



**The weirdest thing I've ever done:** When I was a kid, about 8 years old, we used to go hunting all the time in Arizona and camp by this river. There were lot's of flies around, so there were all these flies in the car because it was parked by the stream.

And being a kid of 8 years old using my deductive reasoning, I knew frogs eat flies, so I loaded the car with frogs. And two hours later as we were driving home the frogs died and

started to smell. There were about 50 little frogs in there, and my parents didn't appreciate it.

**One thing everyone's tried but me:** Drugs.

**Favorite TV show:** Alf. It's kind of off-beat, but he comes up with some good lines.

**Favorite pigout food:** Ice cream and caramel.

**The car I drive:** Dealer.

**My friends in high school thought I was:** Confident and cocky.

## Walter Payton: 1981-1986

1981				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
9/6	GREEN BAY	19	81	14 1
9/13	@ SAN FRANCISCO	27	97	12 1
9/20	TAMPA BAY	21	64	16 0
9/28	L.A. RAMS	17	45	11 0
10/4	@ MINNESOTA	20	49	13 0
10/11	WASHINGTON	5	5	8 0
10/19	@ DETROIT	19	89	18
10/25	SAN DIEGO	36	107	11 1
11/1	@ TAMPA BAY	22	92	25 1
11/8	@ KANSAS CITY	21	70	7 0
11/15	@ GREEN BAY	22	105	16 1
11/22	DETROIT	13	37	9 0
11/26	@ DALLAS	38	179	39 0
12/6	MINNESOTA	33	112	12 0
12/13	@ OAKLAND	7	28	12 0
12/20	DENVER	19	62	10 0

1982				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
9/12	@ DETROIT	14	26	5 0
9/19	NEW ORLEANS	8	20	10 0
11/21	DETROIT	21	87	16 0
11/28	@ MINNESOTA	12	67	17 0
12/5	NEW ENGLAND	13	70	15 0
12/12	@ SEATTLE	14	40	13 0
12/19	ST. LOUIS	20	73	11 0
12/26	@ L.A. RAMS	20	104	26 1
12/20	@ TAMPA BAY	26	109	10 0

1983				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
9/4	ATLANTA	20	103	20 0
9/11	TAMPA BAY	17	45	10 0
9/18	@ NEW ORLEANS	28	161	49 1
9/25	@ BALTIMORE	3	4	3 0
10/2	DENVER	23	91	8 0
10/9	MINNESOTA	20	102	23 2
10/16	@ DETROIT	15	86	28 0

10/23	@ PHILADELPHIA	30	82	9 0
10/30	DETROIT	20	80	16 1
11/6	@ L.A. RAMS	14	62	16 0
11/13	PHILADELPHIA	23	131	20 0
11/20	@ TAMPA BAY	22	106	12 2
11/27	SAN FRANCISCO	16	68	23 0
12/4	@ GREEN BAY	16	58	12 0
12/11	@ MINNESOTA	17	94	22 0
12/18	GREEN BAY	30	148	13 0

1984				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
9/2	TAMPA BAY	16	61	11 0
9/9	DENVER	20	179	72 1
9/16	@ GREEN BAY	27	110	12 0
9/23	@ SEATTLE	24	116	25 0
9/30	DALLAS	25	155	20 1

10/7	NEW ORLEANS	32	154	25 1
10/14	@ ST. LOUIS	23	100	20 1
10/21	@ TAMPA BAY	20	72	13 2
10/28	MINNESOTA	22	54	7 0
11/4	L.A. RAIDERS	27	111	18 2
11/11	@ L.A. RAMS	13	60	26 0
11/18	DETROIT	29	66	15 0
11/25	@ MINNESOTA	23	117	39 1
12/3	@ SAN DIEGO	23	92	14 1
12/9	GREEN BAY	35	175	15 1
12/16	@ DETROIT	22	62	21 0

1985				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
12/30	@ WASHINGTON	24	104	12 0
1/6/85	@ SAN FRANCISCO	22	92	20 0

1986				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
10/7	NEW ORLEANS	32	154	25 1
10/14	@ ST. LOUIS	23	100	20 1
10/21	@ TAMPA BAY	20	72	13 2
10/28	MINNESOTA	22	54	7 0
11/4	L.A. RAIDERS	27	111	18 2
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11/10	DETROIT	26	107	19 0
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12/2	@ MIAMI	23	121	15 0
12/8	INDIANAPOLIS	26	111	16 1
12/14	@ N.Y. JETS	28	53	9 0
12/22	@ DETROIT	17	81	15 0

1986				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
1/5/86	N.Y. GIANTS	27	93	12 0
1/12	L.A. RAMS	18	32	8 0
1/26	NEW ENGLAND	22	61	7 0

1986				
DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	YDS	LONG TD
9/7	CLEVELAND	22	113	19 1
9/14	PHILADELPHIA	34	177	18 1
9/22	@ GREEN BAY	18	57	8 1
9/28	@ CINCINNATI	10	51	29 0
10/5	MINNESOTA	26	108	41 1
10/12	@ HOUSTON	22	76	17 1
10/19	@ MINNESOTA	9	28	12 0
10/26	DETROIT	21	67	11 0
11/3	L.A. RAMS	49	61	14 0
11/9	@ TAMPA BAY	20	139	26 0
11/16	@ ATLANTA	20	69	14 0
11/23	GREEN BAY	17	85	15 0
11/30	PITTSBURGH	31	90	9 1
12/7	TAMPA BAY	20	78	18 1
12/15	@ DETROIT	19	83	18 0
12/21	@ DALLAS	13	51	17 1

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# VIEWPOINT

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## America's Team plays in Soldier Field

Dear Editor,

What a relief it will be this season to pick up my weekly copy of the Bear Report and not have that moronic Dallas fan, John Johnson, crying into his Cowboy towel. Since Dallas isn't on the regular season schedule and the chances of the Cowboys playing more than 16 games this year are about as strong as Rafael Septien opening up a day care center in Texas, Johnson will have to live with his Landry-led Cowgirls.

I will say that Danny White is looking more and more like a brain donor and Tony Dorsett has already started his pouting and boo-hoing routine in the preseason. These guys aren't even capable of being taxi-squad members of the Bears.

I guess if I was a Cowboy fan and had to root for those stumblebums each year, I'd go crazy, too. That's okay, Johnson, you and your mother can watch America's Team playing in Soldier Field at least 10 times this season. Then you'll know how MEN play the game.

John T. Pilgrim  
Rockford, IL

## Buffone one of the best

Dear Doug,

Let me start by saying that I think that you were one of the finest linebackers that ever played the game. I grew up watching you and the rest of the team of the late 1960s to the present. I remember them all, from Dick Gordon to Wally Chambers. Now those were Chicago Bears.

Well, enough of that. I could go on all night about today's Bears. From a fan's point of view no one was more happy to see the team win the Super Bowl than I was. The many years I went to cold and wet Wrigley Field to watch a game was worth it. I loved watching you and the whole team give your all not only for yourself but for us, the die-hard Bear backers.

I have been getting the Bear Report for a year and a half now, and I am very satisfied, thanks. I think the team of today has the potential to not only be the best the city has seen, but the best the league has witnessed.

To do that they must again stay healthy and well-prepared. With coach Ditka's attitude I have no doubts.

I am with the U.S. Army stationed in Germany.

As I write this I am watching the American Bowl '87. It's just not the same without the Bears. With Walter Payton saying this will be his last year, I say that's good. Not because he can't help the team but because he did it his way and he came through it with class and style that can only be classified as "Sweetness." Doug, I'm sure you will agree the man has nothing to prove.

I will continue to receive the Report from you and follow the team. I know this will not be the first time that you will hear this, but I'll say it anyway. If they can get steady play from the quarterback, no matter who he is, they will contend for the Su-

per Bowl once again.

Back to my opening statement, I truly believe that if you were not playing with Super Crunch, that you would have gotten a lot more credit for your fine play. And fine it was, you and Dick Butkus and a host of other outside linebackers from Leroy Caffey to Jimmy Gunn. It was great. Everytime I see 55 I think of you. Otis Wilson is doing justice to that number. The second half of the Bowl is about to start, so that's all for now. Keep up the good work.

Steven C. King  
Stuttgart, West Germany

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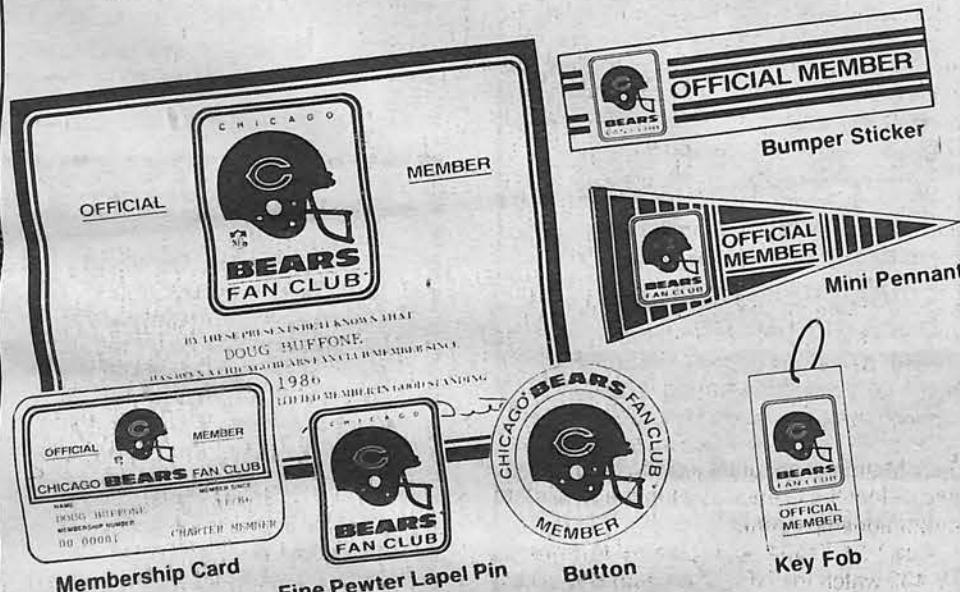
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# Cardinals

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The Cardinals suffered so many injuries last season that Stallings doesn't want to risk losing any players in a fight. The Cardinals played some good games last year but finished 4-11-1. That includes a 23-14 win over Kansas City and tough losses to the Giants 13-6, the Redskins 20-17 and 28-21 and the Rams 13-10.

The Cardinals started this season with a 31-16 loss to Cleveland and a 28-21 win over Seattle.

Stallings has some talent on the team from last year, especially on defense. Last season the St. Louis defense finished first against the pass and fourth overall in the NFL.

A key part of that defense is defensive end Al Baker, whose 37½ sacks in the last four

years is the most by any Cardinal.

St. Louis is hoping to put more pressure on quarterbacks with the return of Curtis Greer, who spent the entire 1986 season on injured reserve with a knee injury. His comeback could help solidify the defensive line.

While the defense tries to put pressure on opponents' quarterbacks, the St. Louis front office is trying to put pressure on one of its own quarterbacks. First-round draft pick Kelly Stouffer has yet to sign with the Cardinals, and St. Louis was counting on him to be Neil Lomax's successor.

Lomax is entering his seventh NFL sea-

son, but with the Stouffer pick many people think Lomax's days are numbered with the Cardinals.

No matter who's at quarterback the Cardinals have talent at wide receiver with Roy Green and J.T. Smith. Green came back last year after ankle surgery to catch 42 passes despite missing five games. In Saturday's win over Seattle Green caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Lomax to give the Cardinals an early 7-0 lead.

Last season Green saw his Cardinal record for most receptions in a season broken by Smith. Smith grabbed 80 passes

in the 1986 season for 1,014 yards and six touchdowns.

After nine years Smith rose above his journeyman label to become one of the top receivers in the league last season.

St. Louis' other offensive weapon, Stump Mitchell, also is coming off of knee surgery and will try to play a complete season for the first time since 1985 when he gained 1,006 yards.

So probably the biggest goal Stallings has for his team in its game against the Bears is to come out healthy. If they can, they could be a much improved team over last season.

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